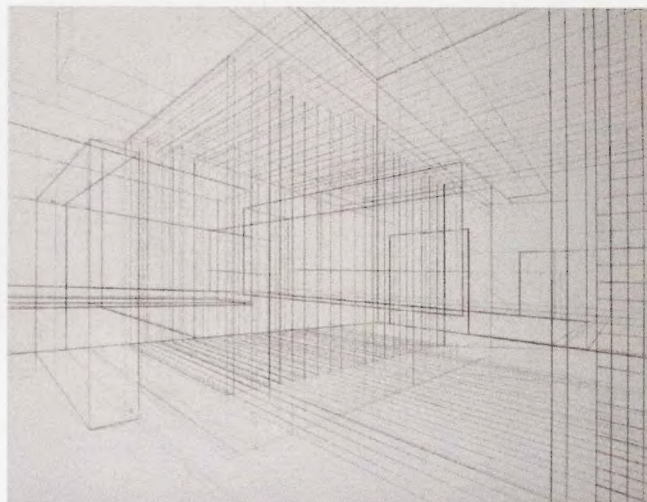




OCTOBER 24 – DECEMBER 12, 2009
OPENING: SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 4-6 PM

OFF THE WALL



Michael Merrill, *Gallery 2*, 2009.
Silverpoint drawing on panel. Courtesy of the artist and Galerie Roger Bellemare.

BARRY ALLIKAS, NEIL CAMPBELL, ALEXANDRE DAVID
BETTY GOODWIN, WANDA KOOP, LOUISE LAWLER
MICHAEL MERRILL, GUY PELLERIN, CLAUDE TOUSIGNANT

A PROJECT BY PIERRE DORION

In this exhibition the painter Pierre Dorion examines the relationship between the artist and the wall as a flat, pictorial or sculptural surface or, rather, as a conceptual reference, a site for questioning, or as material that informs the imaginary. Invited artists invest the walls of the Gallery by intervening directly on them either pictorially, as is the case with Neil Campbell, Louise Lawler, Barry Allikas and Wanda Koop or sculpturally by developing an ensemble that projects into space, in the case of by Alexandre David's work. A series of monochromes by Claude Tousignant hover between the two categories. Michael Merrill, graphically deconstructs the gallery's space in a series of drawings while Guy Pellerin deploys his pictorial intervention in an area where the public space of the atrium meets the white cube of the Gallery. A work by Betty Goodwin and documentary photographs by Gabor Szilasi depict her *Mentana Street Project* of 1979, in which she transformed an apartment by marking its wall surfaces and creating a structure of corridors. Through and beyond these various manners of working off the wall various issues arise concerning the representation of the exhibition site and its context, the residual presence of both abstract painting and Minimalism, a particular history of painting and of installation in Montreal, and, indeed, a global political consciousness.

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Free admission. Wheelchair accessible.

EVENTS

MEET THE CURATOR

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 12:30-1:30 PM
Pierre Dorion, curator of the exhibition *Off the Wall*,
in conversation with Michèle Thériault, Director of the
Leonard & Bina Ellen Art Gallery

MEET THE ARTISTS

Thursday November 12, 12:30-1:30 PM
MICHAEL MERRILL

Thursday November 19, 12:30-1:30 PM
ALEXANDRE DAVID

Thursday December 3, 12:30-1:30 PM
BARRY ALLIKAS

Thursday December 10, 12:30-1:30 PM
GUY PELLERIN

Walk-in tours starting November 3. Bilingual guides
on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:30 PM.

